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Swiping Systems Return to Dormitories

BY CHRISTINA M. WRIGHT
Asst. Campus Editor

In order to better verify which students stay in each dorm, the computer swiping system has been reinstated in the East and West Towers, and will soon be reconnected with all other dorms.

According to Larry Frelow, community director of the East and West Towers, the systems were shut down last year because of the campus-wide virus attack from the Ethernet.

"I had to have the computers cleaned out to make sure the computer was working efficiently," Frelow said.

Students who visit the East Towers complain that the system is slow.

"I hate going over there to visit now because that thing is so irritating," Kristina Williams, a sophomore radio, TV, film major, said. "It works so slowly. They might as well go back to the list."

Since the system interruption, students have been required to show their identification cards to desk receptionists, who would then look their names up on a roster.

"We have never stopped residents from presenting their IDs upon entering the building," Frelow said. "Security had not changed."

Some students said the roster check-

in was not as accurate as the swipe system.

"I know some people whose names had not been on that list since the beginning of the school year," Williams said. "But those people at the desks acted like they were looking up her name and gave them the go-ahead."

Other students said the temporary check-in has been a hassle, but necessary.

"Of course, nobody wants to get stopped every time you go in a building, especially if you are in a hurry," Ebony Santos, a freshman biology major, said. "But you have to in order to make sure no psychos off the street come in."

Frelow said the system was not put in to slow or quicken the check-in process.

"The purpose of it is a security issue," he said. "It's not about slowing down traffic or anything like that."

Students who do not have to cope with the systems as of yet are reluctant to see it work.

"I am not trying to have to deal with an even bigger process of getting into the Quad," Deirdre Waters, a freshman biology major, said. "I hope they don't turn ours on. We only have three more weeks of school anyway."



Nicole Reed-Staff Photographer

Gone for almost a year due to a computer virus, dorm residents will once again have their HU IDs scanned into computers to verify their residency.

Others are anxious to see if the computers will be better than the manual check-in's.

"It could be a nice change," freshman dance major Lindsey Benton said. "Maybe it will be just a little bit faster because these hall monitors take forever."

It can't be hard to just swipe the card and look at a screen."

Frelow said that 99 percent of students cooperate with desk receptionists, but that the other one percent should follow suit.

Ossie Davis Honored



Courtesy of American Rights at Work

A number of universities, including Howard, Spelman, Morehouse and Clark Atlanta participated in Student Labor Week of Action, which ended earlier this week. This week, held every year, is student's week of action to confront labor issues at their school and abroad. Howard University sophomore Jamal Day accepted the Eleanor Roosevelt Human Rights Award, presented by D.C.-based workers right advocacy group American Rights at Work, last week for his late grandfather Ossie Davis, honored posthumously for his tireless commitment to social justice and workers rights.

Attorney General Gonzales Wants Patriot Act Renewed

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales urged Congress Tuesday to renew the Patriot Act, telling the Senate Judiciary Committee that the controversial bill has been an integral

part in fighting the war on terror.

"Al-Qaeda and other groups remain a grave threat to our country, and now is not the time for us to relinquish our tools in that fight," Gonzales told the judiciary committee. "Now is not the time for us to

be engaging in unilateral disarmament...it's important that these authorities remain available."

The Patriot Act was passed shortly after the September 11th 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon. At the time, President Bush and others said the bill would greatly expand the powers of law enforcement so that they could better track terrorists believed to be operating in the United States.

FBI Director Robert Mueller, who also spoke before the committee, said the freedoms agencies like his now enjoy under the Patriot Act are helping to keep America safe from another terrorist attack.

"Experience has taught the FBI that there are no neat dividing lines that distinguish criminal, terrorist and foreign intelligence activity," Mueller said.

Mueller specifically asked
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Dennis Cook-AP

Attorney General, Alberto Gonzales, urged Congress on Tuesday to reinstate portions of the Patriot Act, which is set to expire in December.

Baylor Lady Bears Defeat Michigan State

BY JONATHAN DAVIS
Contributing Writer

In a battle between two unexpected teams in the NCAA Women's National Basketball championship, it was the Baylor Lady Bears, who played in their first title game in the school's history, that came out with determination and an 84-62 victory.

Both teams had long consecutive long winning streaks: Baylor with 19 consecutive wins, a school record, and Michigan State with 17 straight victories.

It was the Lady Bears who took charge early behind four three-point hits from sophomore forward Emily Niemann. That spurred on a 14-8 that gave Baylor a 22-10 lead.

The lead grew to as much as 23 and Baylor never looked back as they defeated Michigan State 84-62 to win the 2005 Women's Basketball National Championship. The victory

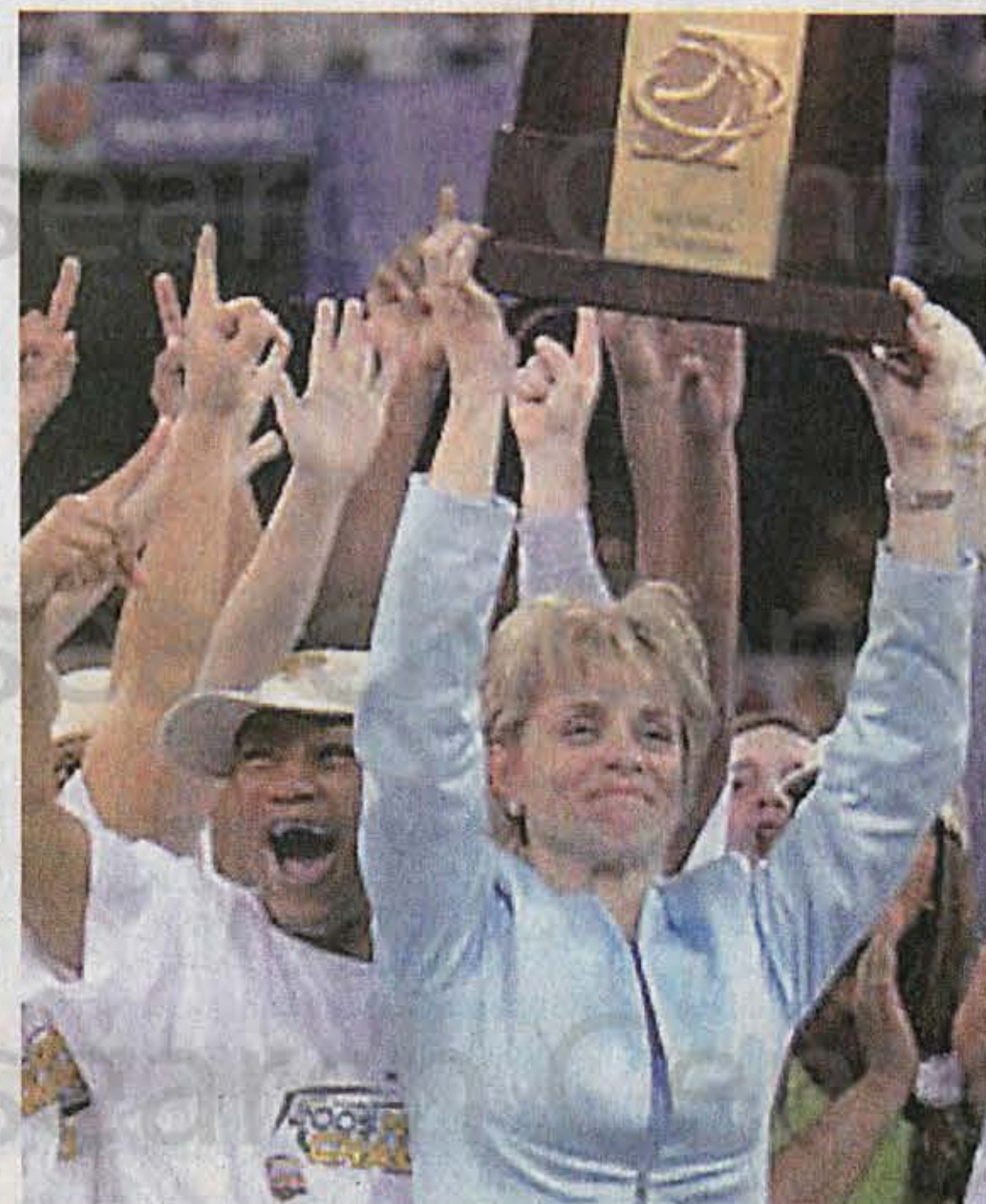
was Baylor's 20th in a row and 33rd victory of the season, both school records.

"What a team that I get to coach. That's all I can tell you," Lady Bears' head coach Kim Mulkey Robertson, who became the first woman to win an NCAA Basketball Title both as a player and a coach, said to reporters. "It wasn't the coaching. It's these guys taking me for a tremendous ride."

After increasing the lead to as much as 19 points, two three-point field goals by junior guard Lindsay Bowen ignited a 10-2 run cut the lead to nine 32-23, but Niemann's fifth three-pointer gave the Lady Bears some breathing room as they took a 37-25 lead to halftime.

However, like they did versus Tennessee, the Lady Spartans did forge a comeback as they cut the lead to 43-33. Baylor however used a 13-7 spurt capped

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Michael Conroy-Associated Press

Coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson of Baylor University is the first woman to play for the national championship team and then also coach.



Janell Davis-Mack, a junior management major, plans to be more than a model. She eventually wants to be a mogul in the fashion industry.

Model Aspires to Open Agency

BY KEIRSTEN ALSTON-MURRAIN
Contributing Writer

On what seemed like a regular night during her freshman year, junior management major Janell Davis-Mack was in Blockbuster renting a movie. She never thought she would meet the man that would ultimately launch her modeling career.

"Sean found me in Blockbuster," Davis-Mack said, referring to Sean Gibson, founder and director of Model Citizens Models and Model Talent Management. "I thought he was trying to abduct me. He asked me if I was interested in modeling. I never thought I could model."

Being a bit skeptical of Gibson and the idea of modeling, Davis-Mack told her mother about Gibson and the three of them went out to dinner to discuss what she would be doing.

After that night, Gibson signed Davis-Mack to his agency about a month later. She now models almost every weekend.

"I liked her energy and maturity," Gibson said. "Janell brings a nice style and presence to the runway."

Davis-Mack, a native of North Philadelphia, has participated in many fashion shows including homecoming fashion shows at the University of Maryland College Park. In the fall of 2004, she worked with Dimensions, a student organization at the University of Maryland that promotes diversity through fashion, to produce a fashion show. Davina Gutrick, president of Dimensions, had a great experience working with Davis-Mack.

"She had a lot of ideas and was very helpful," Gutrick said. "She brought a lot of resources to us."

However, Davis-Mack prefers production over modeling, saying that is where the money is. She aspires to be a mogul, not just a model. Therefore, along with working for Gibson as a model, she is also his assistant.

"I help produce all the shows and do image consultations," Davis-Mack said. "I work with a lot of younger models, ages 17 to 18. I teach them how to get on the right track." Last year, Davis-Mack taught a class in Alexandria, Va. for Model Talent Management, instructing young women how to "walk" the right way for the runway.

"Three weeks ago, I produced a show at my old high school Oakland Mills, in Columbia, Md. It was nice. The kids did really well."

Currently, Davis-Mack is modeling in the University Fashion Council Show at Howard in the spring. She is also an active member of the Council. While she only stands at 5 feet 2 inches, she doesn't let that discourage her from ripping the runway. If she had it her way, she would be majoring in fashion.

"My mom wouldn't pay for me to go to school for fashion, so business management was the next best thing," Davis-Mack said.

Working at Enterprise Rent-a-Car on Georgia Avenue, across from Burr Gymnasium, has given her plenty of hands-on experience.

"Enterprise is known for its management trainee program," Davis-Mack said. Four days out of the week, she rents cars, makes calls to insurance companies, keeps up with cars and maintains a high level of customer service.

Approaching senior year, Davis-Mack is not the least bit worried.

"I'm excited," she said. "I'll be working for Sean full time."

When she is not modeling, working or producing shows, Davis-Mack is a regular college student. She eventually plans to move to New York to work for a modeling agency and also begin her own.

"At the end of the day, I want the most famous models in my agency and have the best ideas for producing shows," Davis-Mack said.

Howard Community Mourns Loss of Former HUSA President

BY LAUREN STEPHENS
Hilltop Staff Writer

The Howard University community celebrated the life of one its most memorable alumni, Howard Newell, on Saturday, March 26 in Rankin Chapel.

Newell, who served as the Howard University Student Association president, during the 1982-1983 school year, died unexpectedly on March 20 at the age of 44.

Newell was remembered fondly for his activism and courage in the face of adversity, such as when he called for the resignation of former Howard University President James Cheek after he infringed on the first amendment rights of the Howard University newspaper, The Hilltop.

"Howard Newell was very outspoken," Director of Student Activities Belinda Lightfoot-Watkins said. "There were a lot of rallies on the yard. Those are what

some of us look back on and reflect on as the days that students were activists for legitimate causes."

Howard's legacy influenced future HUSA leaders to take their job seriously and realize the responsibility that comes with the position.

"He is famous for demanding President Cheek's resignation," said graduate student Selano Simmons, who served as HUSA president during the 2000- 2001 school year.

"With that, it showed me that the position of being HUSA president comes with lots of responsibility, but also the courage to exercise that responsibility. [He has] gone down in history for that."

After graduation, Newell and other alumni founded Reaching Inside for Self-Esteem (RISE), a D.C.-based community service organization devoted to helping young people overcome a variety of issues including HIV/AIDS, poverty and substance abuse.

More than 500 people attended the memorial, including members of the community, alumni and others who were touched by his work.

In the tribute at the memorial, Newell was described as having "... a love for his people which he dedicated his life."

Newell is survived by his wife, son, mother and other relatives.

JUNIORS SPEAK:

If you could be a professor for a week how would your class run compared to current classes?

"The class would be more interactive than other classes, less tests. I like my accounting class where the final is optional, if you do take it, it will replace your lowest test score, so I would have a class like that."

Danielle Carty, undecided

"My class would be interesting and my lectures would be entertaining and the students would like the class."

John Watkins, marketing

"Being in graphic design it's more about being creative, so I'll give assignments and you do what you need to do. I'll be there for students. I would have solutions for problems and being there to help."

Mike Edmond, graphic design

"It would be a lot of discussion, more hands on. Since I am a film major it would be like taking people out to shoot outside, hands on."

Marcus Richardson, radio, TV, film

"It would mainly be class discussion and I would grade on those who participate and discuss well."

Derrick Bowers, English

"My class would be interesting to keep the students motivated to learn. I'd create fun programs and lesson plans that would make the students encourage other students to take the class. The kids would be excited to come to class everyday; they would never miss class because they would never want to."

Steve Wilson, physiology

"My class would be going to various historical sites and they would keep a journal of thoughts and feelings of the historical site. I would take them to the White House or the Wax museum in Baltimore and get student feedback. I would take them to neighborhoods, like in Southeast or rich neighborhoods, and the ghetto to let them see how both sides operates. No time in the classroom. At the end of the week I want them to look at what they wrote and come up with solutions to the problems."

Larry Holt, radio, TV, film

"Discussions, not so much reading out of the book in class, referring to the book during discussion, because it keeps you awake in class."

Bennett Powell, human development

"I would make sure that there would be no homework. Class participation would be highly recognized and I would conduct class with discussions."

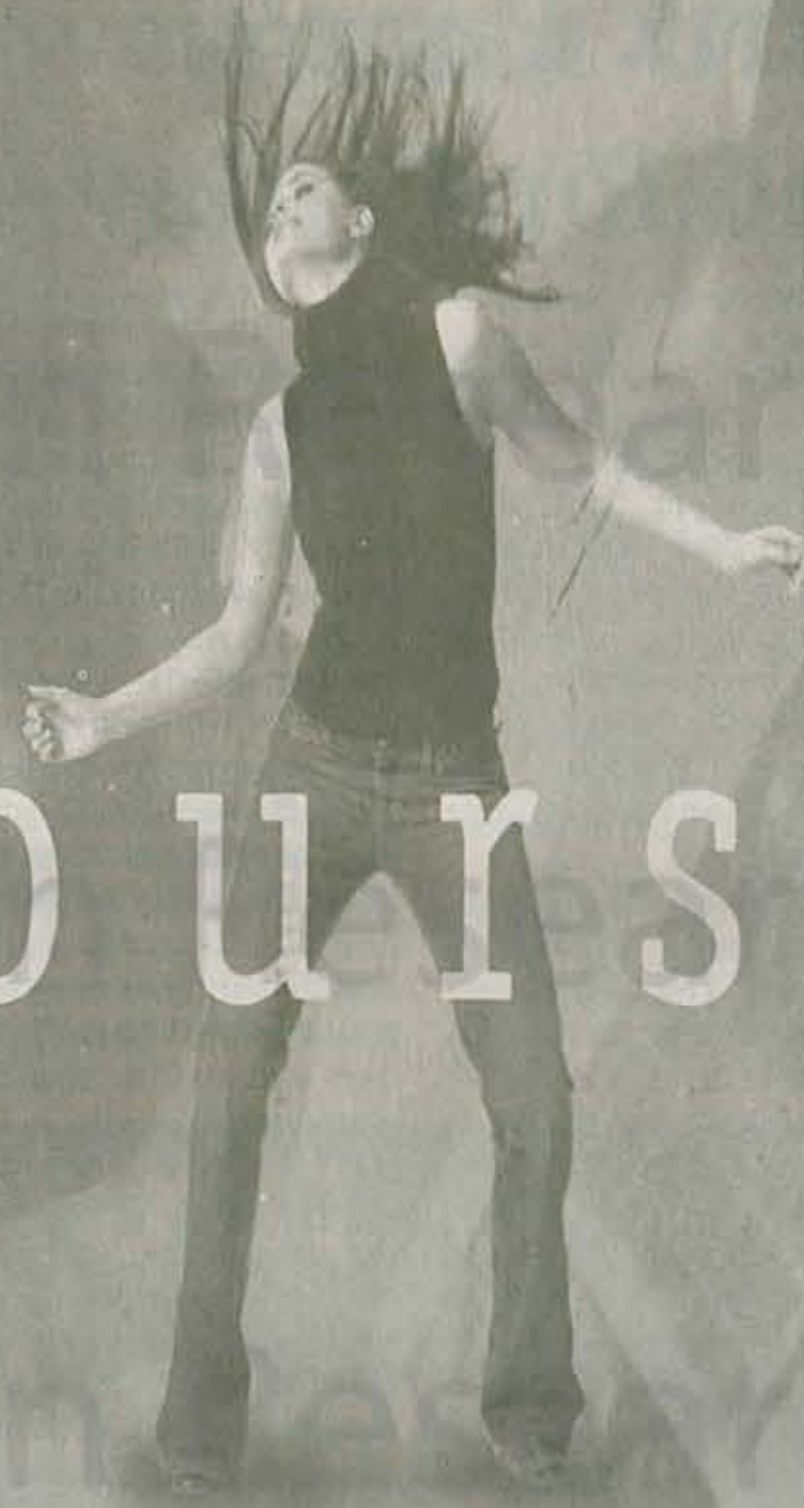
Justin Barney, political science

"I would have two hour study sessions where the students would ask questions. Extended office hours. To me class is more of a distraction and when I study I go to a place where I don't have distractions. The only required day would be during an exam."

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Millions Mourn, Pope's Funeral Slated for Friday

BY KEVIN HARRIS
Nation & World Editor

Thousands of mourners waited in line for hours Tuesday to view the body of Pope John Paul II, who will lie in state until his funeral on Friday.

Mourners reported waiting in line for up to nine hours, so that they could catch a brief glimpse of the man known as "the peoples' pope." Vatican officials estimate that as many as three million people will come to Rome to view the pope's body.

An estimated 15,000 to 18,000 people view the body per hour. "Millions of people throughout the world are offering solidarity," Cardinal Justin Francis Rigali told the Fox News Channel.

"This is the fourth funeral of a pope that I will participate in and I think this exceeds everything...this is the most extraordinary thing that has ever hap-

pened."

Estimates show that nearly 1 million mourners have already viewed the pope's body.

The President and First Lady Laura Bush will lead a delegation to the pope's funeral. Accompanying President Bush will be his father, former President George H.W. Bush, former President Bill Clinton, and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Prince Charles will represent his mother Queen Elizabeth II at the funeral. The prince postponed his wedding to Camilla Parker Bowles in order to attend. Delegations including the heads of Muslim states and Cuba will also attend.

While millions mourned around the world, the Vatican was busy putting final touches on burial plans. Officials announced that the pope would be buried with a white silk veil over his face.

The pope's body will be

placed inside three different coffins made of wood and zinc. Officials said the coffins will slow the decomposition process. Also, officials said a brief summary written in Latin would be buried alongside the pope's body.

In other developments, cardinals who will vote for the next pope met for the third time Tuesday morning. The cardinals have not said yet when they will begin the voting process for the next pope. According to Vatican law, the cardinals must begin the voting process no earlier than 15 days and no later than 20 days after a pope's death.

The cardinals will have little contact with the outside world throughout the entire process. "But they cannot have contact with other people," said Archbishop Pietro Marini to reporters at the Vatican. "They cannot watch television or listen to radio."



The Vatican announced Tuesday that the pope's funeral will be held Friday. President Bush will head a delegation for the funeral, which will include former Presidents Clinton and Bush.

HU Split on Jackson Case

BY BRIANNA COOK
Contributing Writer

The child molestation trial against pop star Michael Jackson is now in its sixth week and jurors, as well as fans, have heard testimony from the singer's past and present accusers.

This week, jurors heard a tearful testimony from the son of Jackson's former maid who said the singer began fondling him in 1990. The accuser told jurors that Jackson fondled him as a part of a tickle game, in which the singer would put \$100 down the boy's pants and instruct him not to tell his mother.

The boy, who is now in his 20s, reached an out of court settlement with Jackson before any charges could be filed. While on the stand, the accuser told jurors he waited years before telling anyone about the alleged abuse and that he only talked openly when investigators began to question him in relation to another case of a little boy who said Jackson molested him as well.

"I was fighting them with everything I had," the accuser said of his time spent with investigators in the early 1990s. "I was trying to figure out how to get out of there." Despite his tearful testimony, the accuser acknowledged during cross-examination that he had previously told investigators Jackson never touched him inappropriately.

The boy's mother also took the stand Tuesday. In her testimony, the former maid for Jackson testified that she saw the entertainer taking a shower with a young boy. The woman said the boy and Jackson were laughing in the shower, while their underwear were lying on



Howard students say they are still unsure whether or not Michael Jackson is innocent.

the floor.

Even though the defense has not fully presented its side of the case, many Howard University students and faculty said that based on the testimony given so far, they are still reluctant to say Jackson is guilty of anything.

"It's still hard to determine what the truth is, but the evidence is building up against him," freshman international business major Cecilia Beasley, who has been following the trial through media reports, said. "But Michael Jackson is on trial once again for the same accusation."

Christian Porter, a junior computer science major was also split. "There's so much evidence against Michael Jackson, and it's pretty clear that some-

thing is wrong," Porter said. "But his lawyers have basically discredited the accuser by showing the inconsistencies with his statements."

Others said that if Jackson is found guilty, he has no one to blame but himself. "I feel that if it is true about Michael Jackson, then it is his own fault," Melissa Mathurin, a freshman psychology major, said. She added, "But it's the parents' fault too."

Howard University law professor Isaiah Leggett urged caution in jumping to conclusions about Jackson's guilt or innocence at such an early point in the trial.

"So far we've only seen the prosecutor's side of the case in court," Leggett said. "It's too premature and way too early to tell the final outcome."

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by a fall away jumper by senior forward Steffanie Blackmon who had 22 points, on 8-19 from the floor and seven rebounds. A free-throw by Blackmon gave Baylor a 70-47.

The Lady Bears used a suffocating defense and their ability to dominate the Spartans on the offensive glass 13-1 and resulted in 14 second-chance points. They

also held the frontcourt of junior forward Liz Shimek and Kelli Roehrig to 12 points and 10 rebounds.

The Lady Spartans also had no answer for junior forward Sophia Young who led the way with 26 points and eight rebounds.

This was on the heels of a 21-point 10 rebound, six assist performance in the semifinal victory over the LSU Lady Tigers, where Baylor came

back from 15 points down, the second largest comeback in NCAA Tournament history.

"This is what I came here for and I living my dream" Young, who was named Most Outstanding Player, said to reporters.

The night, belonged to the Lady Bears, as there would be no come from behind effort versus Baylor.

Government Officials Debate Necessity of Patriot Act

ACT, from Campus A1

Congress to renew portions of the Patriot Act that allow the FBI to legally obtain information without the approval of a grand jury or judge. The FBI director also said portions of the law allowing intelligence agencies to share information are also critical.

Despite Gonzales' and Mueller's testimony, some on the judiciary committee were not convinced that the Patriot Act should be renewed. Sen. Dick Durbin (D-Ill.) was especially critical of Mueller's and

Gonzales' claims that the bill helped agencies share intelligence.

"If the goal here was, as you say, to enhance federal government sharing of intelligence, we could have stayed away from the Patriot Act altogether and really focused on the agencies' working with one another and sharing information so that...the CIA and all other agencies would communicate," Durbin said.

Durbin, along with Republican Sen. Larry Craig of Idaho said they were planning to introduce legislation aimed at curbing portions of the Patriot

Act.

In addition to Durbin and Craig, many Americans are also uneasy about provisions in the patriot act. Five states have passed anti-Patriot Act resolutions. Polls show that Americans are most uncomfortable with "sneak and peek" provisions, which allow federal agents to legally search a home without immediately notifying a lawyer.

Most of the provisions in the "Patriot Act" are permanent, but 15 portions will expire in December if Congress does not renew them.

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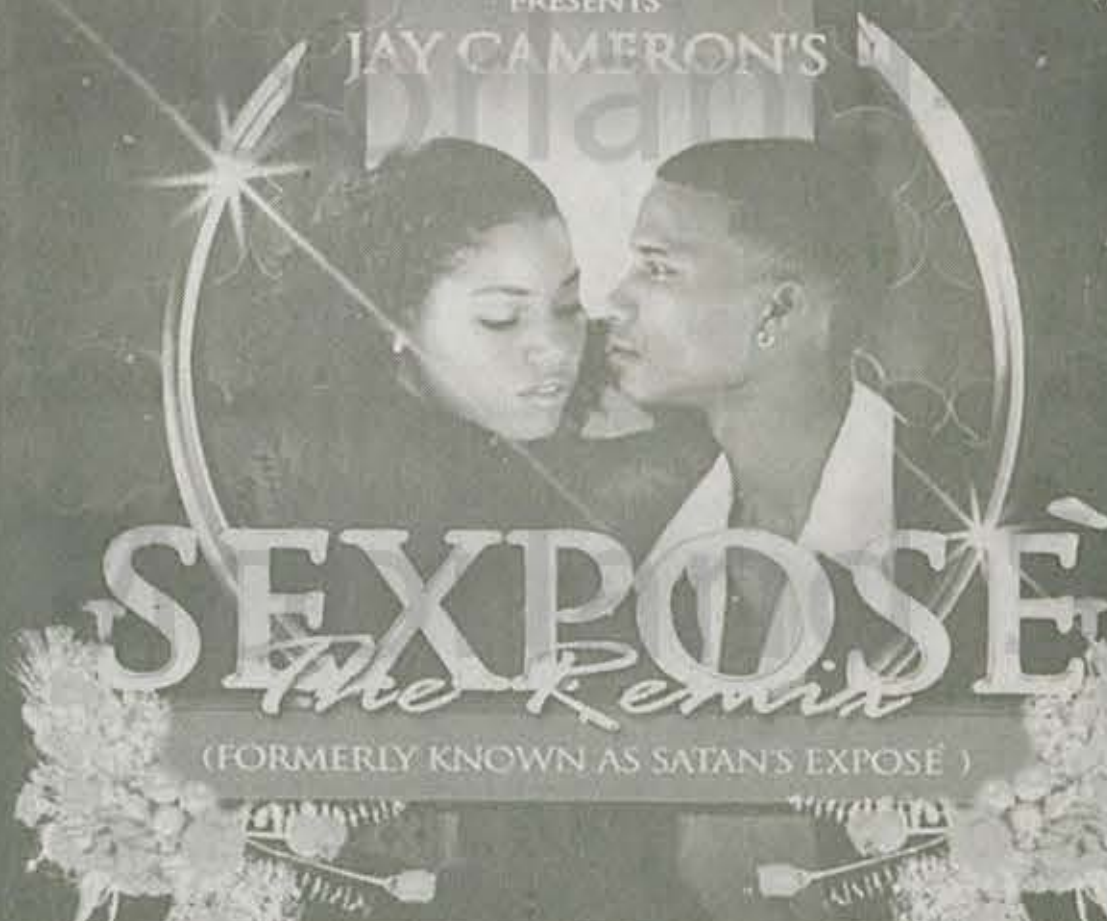
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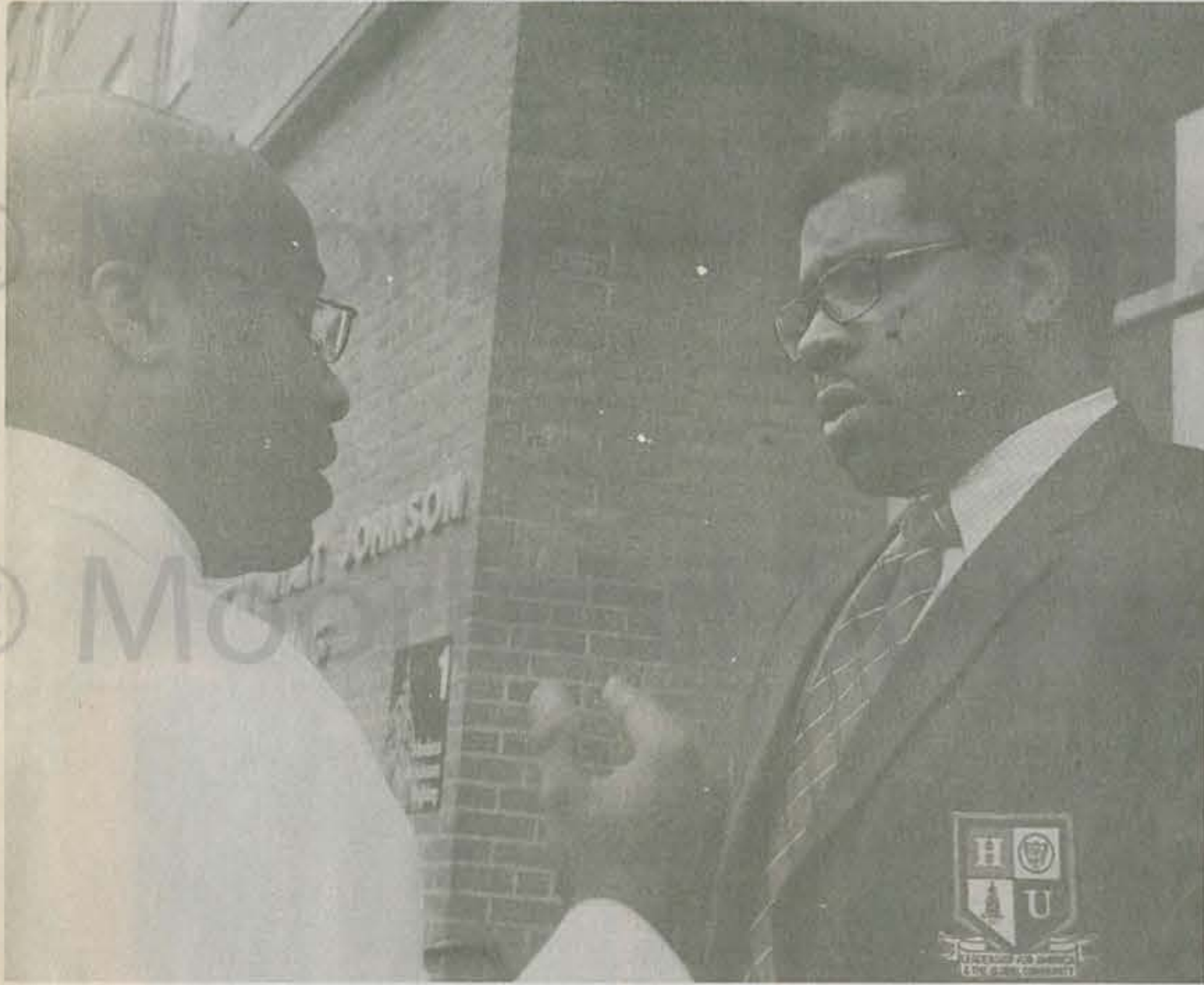


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Marlene Hawthorne-Staff Photographer

Medical students, as well as maintenance workers, have been protesting injustices at

Students Demand a Voice

Many people of the Civil Rights generation believe that our generation is a lax, lazy and complacent bunch. We take what we can get, when we can get it and we have no passion or enthusiasm for change. We do agree that we are living in more comfortable times, and many of us have yet to pick up a picket sign or shout for some kind of rights.

However there have been several protests this year, most recently by the medical students. On HUSA election day we witnessed campaigning groups shouting synchronized phrases. Then we noticed a group of people in all blue uniforms demanding higher pay.

The maintenance workers are a part of our Howard family too, and we were glad to see them exercise their right to fight

for change.

Earlier this year, students were in an uproar about the housing fiasco and the parking mix up. No school is perfect, and we are pretty sure the "powers that be" try to make our experience the best that they can. However, there are

the success and adjustments that followed. Our ancestors were not satisfied with the status quo so they spoke up. We should be doing the same.

We are not saying everyone needs to immediately think about a small complaint and yell in front of Blackburn.

We are saying that when something is a genuine problem we should bring attention to the issue. The decision makers have no choice but to at least acknowledge our problems if they are brought to the forefront. We have so

much more power than we give ourselves credit for so we should use it!

If you've been dwelling and struggling with something on campus, get up, get out and do something. You might just get your way.

Our View:

It's good to know students are standing up for their rights.

legitimate student concerns that don't do anyone justice if kept quiet.

We think group unity and a collective voice is the perfect recipe for agenda setting and making changes. When we hear the stories of big afros and revolutions we also hear a lot about

Mechanical Engineering Students Tired of Suffering Silently

AHMED RASHAD

First and foremost I would like to say kudos to the staff at The Hilltop for becoming the first HBCU daily newspaper.

With that being said, it would be nice to see some investigative reports. There are so many things in and around Howard University that bother students, staff and faculty. A great place to start with an investigative report is the department of mechanical engineering.

Why is this department the black eye of the college of engineering? Why is it that over 160 freshmen enter the program and only 20 or so remain? Why is it

that on graduation day we only had one person in 2004 graduate with honors, while no one else graduated with honors over the past five years?

With some professors, it becomes quite clear. Students are no longer the priority. Students are neglected and left to fend for themselves. Thus far in one particular class there have been four actual classes where we were actually taught, endless amount of homework where we actually learned, and two exams based on theories we still have questions on.

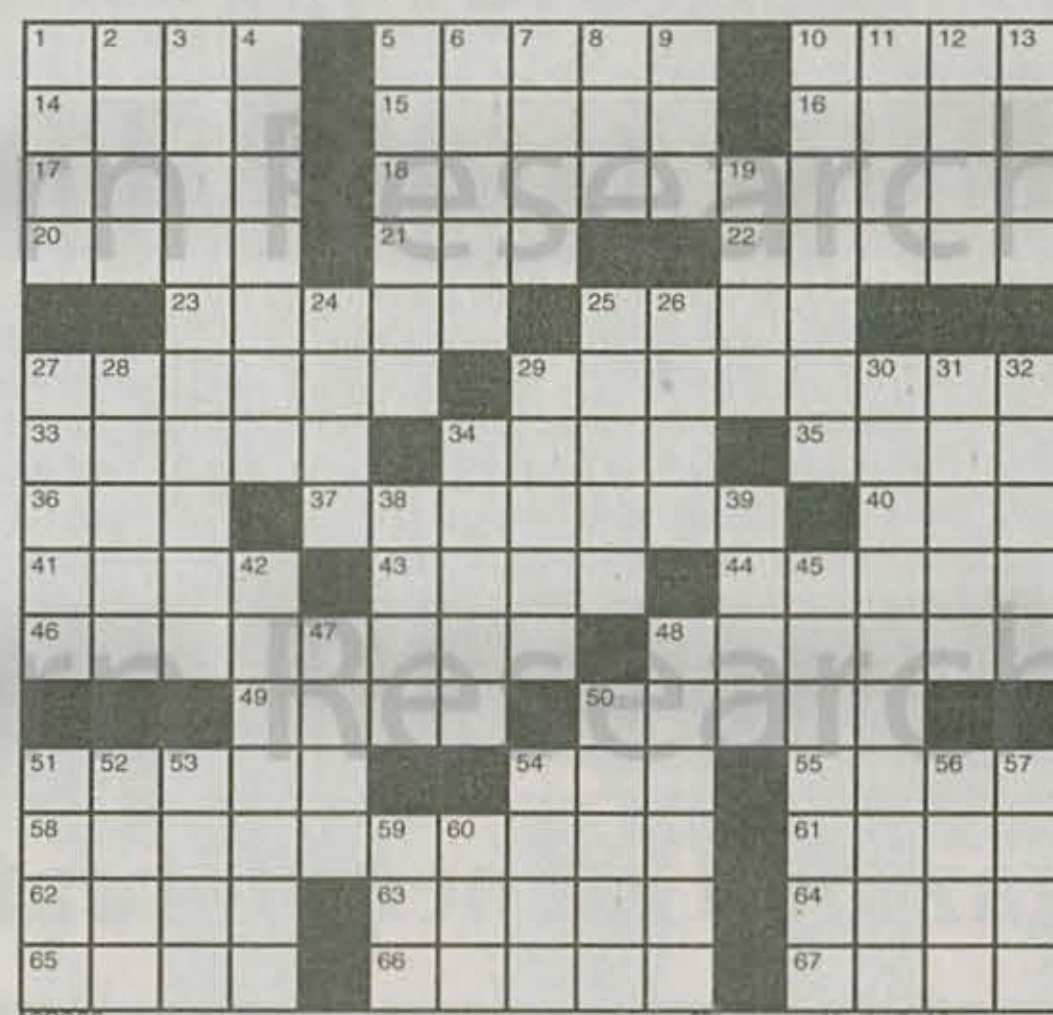
Funny as it may seem to be, we are expected to perform miracles on exams which students are not prepared for. Some professors change around the class

times to suit their fancy, which ultimately makes the whole class fail. Classes are chalked filled with graduating seniors who will be failing if changes aren't made.

This situation has been happening repeatedly for years and nothing has been done by the administration and powers to be. Clearly there is something wrong with the teaching methods when 80-90 percent of a class is failing repeatedly year after year.

These are some of the problems affecting this department. There are many other problems, but I would need an entire page or two to highlight them. We have been suffering in silence for too long....

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All These Channels, Nothing to Watch:

Does TV Needs a Reality Check?

BY CHARLAÉ WASHINGTON
Hilltop Staff Writer

Over the last few years, reality has taken television by storm—and held it hostage. Since the launch of America's first reality show, MTV's "The Real World" in 1992, a plethora of other shows involving real people, in real situations have been established.

Reality seems to be a trend that is dominating the airwaves. In fact, there may be more reality shows than "regular" shows.

Why the saturation? Why is America so fascinated with reality TV?

"America is nosy and the ability to invade in someone's personal life thrills them, especially the lives of celebrities," said Victoria Freeman, a freshman speech communications major.

"It represents an alternate reality to daily existence," David Meares, a junior biology major, said. "The life people watch is nothing like the life they lead, so they are watching their fantasies on television."

Another reason reality TV may be so prevalent on the small screen these days is that it costs producers much less than other types of TV shows. They do not have to pay directors, make-up artists, scriptwriters, consultants or actors. Even the prize money is the same or less than an actor on a popular TV show would get for one episode. Reality TV may be so popular due to a combination of clever marketing and the fact that producers want and need it to be popular, so they fill the airwaves with it.

Howard students have different views on reality TV, but the consensus seems to be that while there are a few reality TV shows they enjoy, they are fed up with reality TV overall. "I like the fact that whoever wins 'America's Next Top Model' will actually end up with a job and success," Freeman said. "But I don't like 'Fear Factor' because it's gross and the host seems like a jerk. I'm tired of reality. I want TV people to hire writers again."

"I have been tired of it for a long

time. It's pretty much all the same in my mind," Meares said. "'The Real World' is good because it has resisted the temptation of alteration through the years. It is still the same show it was the first season."

"Most of the rest I would say are not good anymore because they have to tweak and play god sort of on the show in order to get the desired results. It's pretty much scripted reality," added Meares.

With reality TV taking over the top, the future of TV shows may be hazy. Will reality TV last? And if it does, what will become of more traditionally formatted TV shows?

"It [reality TV] has lasting power as long as they can keep America's attention, but I don't think it will ever completely replace what you call regular shows," Meares said. "Shows like 'CSI,' 'Law and Order' and soap operas will never go away."

Freeman thinks the reality era will end soon. "I believe the reality TV trend will eventually fade because the



public will realize that they can watch the same thing in their kitchen or job or bedroom," she said. "Reality TV is based on reality and reality is just living life. As long as you're living, you're participating in reality."

The popularity of reality TV has lead to the question of what the next

big television trend will be. "I think that HDTV will get big very soon," Freeman said.

Meares suggested that America's quirks are hard to predict. "I have no idea what is next because you can never tell the interests of the people. They are too fickle."

Streetz Magazine Garners Great Reviews

BY JAMEELAH BROWN
Contributing Writer

Streetz Magazine has become a network for local entrepreneurs, well known Hip Hop artists, clothing lines and a community directory for hot spots and entertainment in the District, Baltimore, Virginia and Philadelphia.

But it all started with a simple flyer.

"I had my own graphics design company called Lo Graphics," Chris Bryant, publisher of Streetz Magazine, said. "We had different accounts with multiple businesses to print promotional flyers. Promoters expressed how hectic it was to distribute so many flyers at different locations, so we came up with the idea of consolidating all the flyers into a magazine. Other companies sought us out for advertisement space and thus the market for Streetz Magazine was created."

Originating in Hampton, Va., Streetz Magazine covers various events from the Caribbean festival to interviewing celebrities such as Jadakiss, Nas, Kanye West, Musiq and The Game.

Strategically placed at the fingertips of their target audience, Streetz Magazine is a free publication. Up Against the Wall on Georgia Ave., Sam K and Downtown Locker Room are a few of the establishments near Howard that carry the magazine.

"People seem very receptive to Streetz Magazine and they ask for it when we run out," Sir Fleming, an employee at Up Against the Wall on Georgia Ave, said.

Sophomore public relations major Eden Greer is one of those people who goes to Up Against the Wall and looks for Streetz



Magazine while there. "It has celebrity interviews and its free, so of course I read it," she said.

Freshmen graphic design major Austin Hollins says he chooses to read the publication for the same reasons. "But most importantly, is that it is black owned and it's free" he added.

Operating as a free publication can seemingly have its limitations, but Streetz uses this as a benefit.

"I want to keep Streetz free so that it is always accessible to the community that it reflects," Bryant said. "We can also maintain our authenticity without

ous fields while others attend college full time.

"Everybody brings something to the table from their experience in the industry or from just having endless raw talent," Bryant said. "We have a freedom of creativity policy that has not failed us in any way."

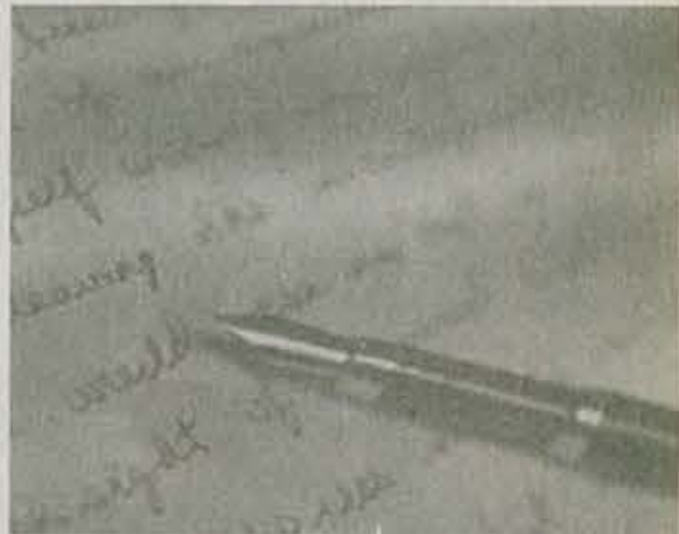
Pharoh Talib, a former marketing major at Howard University, joined Streetz Magazine in 2003. As an intern at Ruff Riders, he made and sustained many connections in the industry that quickly came of use to Streetz. Now as the editor in chief, he is dedicated to seeing the growth of Streetz Magazine and believes in Streetz endless potential.

Chris Bryant graduated from Hampton University in 1998. He has lived in Virginia for about 12 years and has crossed paths with many Virginia natives, like producers Pharrell Williams and Timbaland, who are now industry power players. Bryant, an entrepreneur by heart already has future plans, on the drawing



board, for Streetz, which include a multimedia conglomerate that serves as a marketing company, a distribution company of mix tapes, a radio station and a DVD version of the magazine.

WRITTEN WORDS



Night Funeral in Harlem

Where did they get
Them two fine
cars?
Insurance man, he
did not pay--
His insurance
lapsed the other day--
Yet they got a satin
box for his head to lay.

Night funeral
In Harlem:

Who was it sent
That wreath of
flowers?

Them flowers
came
from that poor
boy's friends--
They'll want
flowers, too,
When they meet
their ends.

Night funeral
in Harlem:

Who preached that
Black boy to his
grave?

Old preacher man
Preached that boy
away--
Charged Five
Dollars

His girl friend had
to pay.

Night funeral
In Harlem:

When it was all
over
And the lid shut
on his head
and the organ had
done played

and the last
prayers been said
and six pallbearers
Carried him out
for dead
And off down

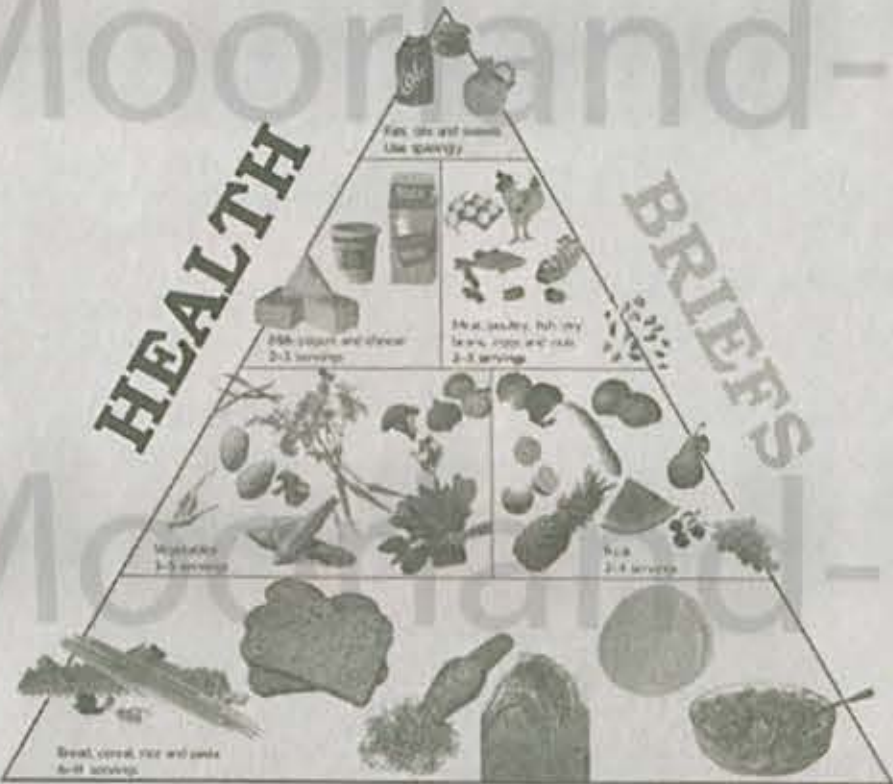
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That long black
hearse done sped,
The street light
At his corner
Shined just like a
tear--

That boy that they
was mournin'
Was so dear, so
dear

To them folks that
brought the flowers,
To that girl who
paid the preacher
man--

It was all their
tears that made
That poor boy's
Funeral grand.
Night funeral

-LANGSTON HUGHES



Critics Oppose U.S. Government's Abstinence Website

More than 100 advocacy groups have asked the U.S. government to take down or revise a new Web site that calls on parents to promote abstinence when talking to their children about sex, the Associated Press reported.

The site, sponsored by a branch of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), is 4parents.gov. Groups including the American Civil Liberties Union, Planned Parenthood

and the Human Rights Campaign have written to HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt, saying it was good to emphasize abstinence, as long as the site mentioned contraception if sexual relations did occur, the AP reported.

In a statement released last week, Leavitt said the new site was meant for parents who were embarrassed to talk with their children about sex.

HHS spokesman Bill Pierce quoted by the wire service said he was not surprised that certain groups did not care for the site's message. "They always opposed us on the issue of abstinence," he said. "One thing we do know about abstinence is that if you practice it, you will not have an unintended pregnancy or risk catching a sexually transmitted disease."

Third Fair Linked to Florida E. coli Outbreak

A third Florida fair has been linked to a serious outbreak of E. coli, health officials said.

DNA tests showed that the potentially deadly bacteria may have infected people who went to the Florida State Fair in Tampa, the Associated Press reported. Two other fairs, the Central Florida Fair in Orlando and the Strawberry Festival in Plant City, have also been linked to the outbreak.

So far, it has been confirmed that 22 people, most of them children in central Florida, have been infected with a particular strain of E. coli. Officials are also monitoring 33 other suspected cases in Florida.

There have been no deaths. However, some victims have

been hospitalized with serious illness. A girl who died in Pasco County last week was not infected, as was previously feared, the AP reported.

Higher Stress Levels May Help Fight the Flu

In the future, your flu vaccine shot may be more effective because of an artificially created higher social stress level.

While that may be a bit of an overstatement, new research with mice indicates that in certain cases, high levels of social stress can help fight the onset of flu-like symptoms.

In a paper presented over the weekend at the Experimental Biology 2005 conference in San Diego, Ohio State biologists say they conducted experiments with laboratory mice that suggested in certain cases, stress may enhance the body's ability to fight the flu.

The researchers say they found that increasing social stress -- placing an aggressive mouse in the cage with docile mice -- increases the production of T-cells, which help the body's immune system.

But the goal is not to replace the flu vaccine by placing people in stressful situations, the scientists said. Rather, it is to use the findings to help create flu vaccines that will be more effective, especially in the elderly.

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Tillman's Team



By Thomas Munita - The Associated Press

U.S. soldiers pray during a ceremony opening a recreation center in Bagram, the main U.S. base in Afghanistan on Sunday. American football stars, like Atlanta's Warrick Dunn, opened the recreation center named Pat Tillman, to honor the football star turned Army Ranger who was killed in a friendly fire incident in Afghanistan one year ago.

Howard's Forgotten Heroes

BY MIKE HOLMES
Hilltop Staff Writer

Around 1:55 p.m. a Ford Econoline pulled into the parking lot of the McDonough Outdoor Tennis Complex. The Howard University women's tennis team exited the large white van one after the other. Their red Wilson bags hung snugly underneath their arms. Not two minutes after they put down the red bags a firm "lets go" from their coach, Larry Strickland, sent the team rushing to the adjacent tennis court to begin stretching.

Strickland takes a seat on a bench out of view of his team. The brim of his hat sways from left to right as he follows the warm up match of his Georgetown University competition. He is closed off. Not from his team but from the intrusions of anyone besides his team. He may in fact have good reason to be.

Strickland has coached tennis at Howard University for the past 20 years. It would be safe to say that he is dedicated to the university, the athletic program and his team. That level of loyalty however has not been reciprocated. If you long onto Bisonmania.com, Howard's athletics website you will find both the men's and women's schedules and rosters but not much else. Spectator attendance at their matches rarely exceeds the double digits. Coverage of their matches has been limited as well.

"We are our only supporters basically," Laura Marain, a freshmen accounting major, said. The disappointment is evident in her tone. "Anytime you do hear about us it's negative," she added.

Despite the lack of support the both the men and women's teams have managed to do very well this season. The men's team is now ranked third in their conference after defeating Hampton University last Friday.

The women's team, despite their lack of experience, (six out of nine of the members are freshmen), has still managed to be ranked fifth in their conference. The young team openly admits it was a difficult accomplishment. "This level of competition is more mental. We all can hit but it's more about who can think on their feet," Courtney Dorsey, a freshmen hospitality management major, said.

Unfortunately for Dorsey, she will have to watch the remainder of the season instead of playing. She dislocated her knee during a match with Lee High University and will be out the rest of the season.

After finishing their stretching and warm up routines the Howard team enters the court in their white skirts and navy Adidas tops. The Georgetown team awaits them wearing the exact opposite. Both teams exchange a few practices swings before the matches start. The recurring grunts almost drown out the sound of the construction just off in the distance.

It is during this brief period that Coach Strickland opts to say a few words. He declined to comment about the teams' lack of support, but clearly scowled at the mere mention of it. He is confident about his team chances in the MEAC Championship coming up in a little more than two weeks. "I'm always going to be positive about my team's chances. That's how you accomplish anything," said Strickland.

The men and women's teams collectively have four more matches before they head to Orlando, Fla. on April 21st for the MEAC Conference. On April 12th and 13th the teams will face American University. Their match against American will be the last local match of the 2005 season.

LOGO LOVE:

Charging Bison or Buffalo Soldier?

BY TAYLOR MASON
Contributing Writer

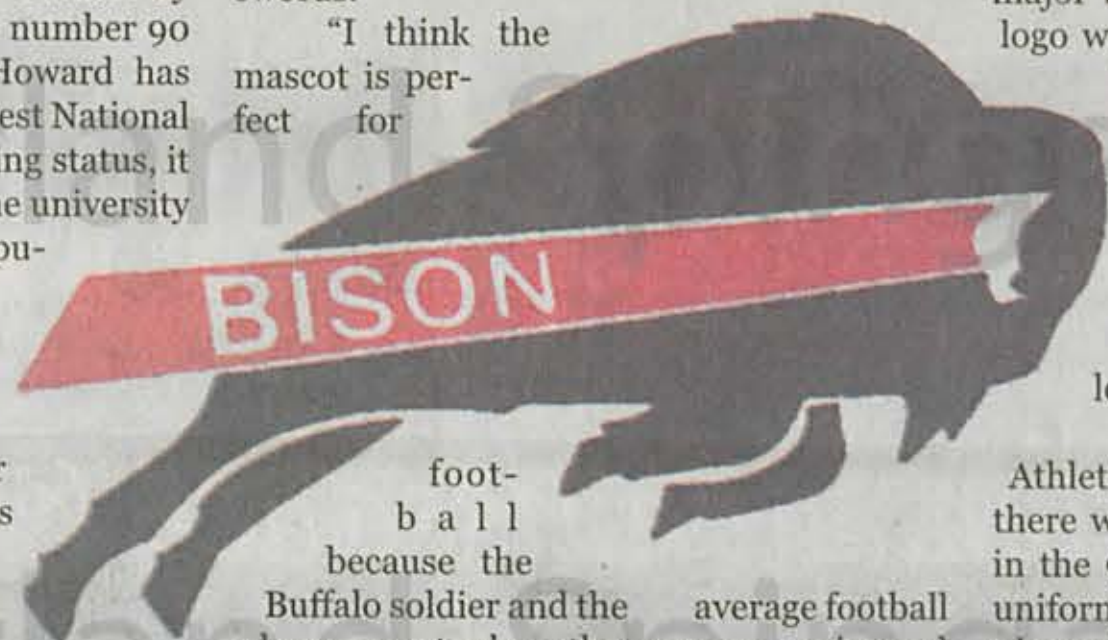
Howard University is considered the Mecca of Black education and is rich with history. Considered a catalyst for social change, the university is also ranked by U.S. News and World Report as number 90 among the 248 universities. Howard has been categorized as one of the "Best National Universities." With such a revering status, it seems important to symbolize the university with a logo that represents its reputation entirely.

The charging bison, a symbol of free spirit, strength and unity, is the university's current logo. It is no wonder why this dominant figure is used to represent a university that exuded unity throughout the Civil Rights Movement, strength during women's suffrage and free spirit through its devotion to the fine arts department.

While the logo of the University remained unaltered, several Howard athletic teams chose different mascots.

The Buffalo Soldiers, the hard-fighting African-American regiments within the U.S. Army after the Civil War, became Howard's football logo in the early 90s. The logo is an aggressive buffalo face, wearing a civil war buffalo soldier hat, sitting just above two swords.

"I think the mascot is perfect for



foot-
ball
because the

Buffalo soldier and the average football player seem to share the same aggressive and relentless characteristics," Elicia Manning, a freshman film production major, said.

When asked why she thought the football team selected a different mascot, Shannon Grant, a sophomore finance major said, "I'm assuming it was because they were

so successful in the early 90s. That specific group of players was probably labeled as the Buffalo soldiers because of their display of vigor on the field which ultimately won them a championship in 1996."

Linsey Richbow, a senior anthropology major said, "I'm not sure exactly why the logo was changed. You'd think one would be honored by the title. If I had to guess, it was probably changed to conform to other universities who had animal logos instead of war heroes."

Like Richbow, most students and staff were unfamiliar with the logo change.

According to Howard University Athletic Director Sondra Norrell-Thomas, there were three different Howard mascots in the 90s. "We decided to make the logo uniform across the University for convenience," she said.

It was the Cheyenne tribes who first referred to the African-American war heroes as Buffalo soldiers because they resembled their revered buffalo. Either way, the buffalo still stands as a symbol of strength and unity for Howard University.

Eat This MLB!

This opening week in baseball, Sportservice, the majors' concession company expects to sell a total of:

- * 170,000 hot dogs
- * 310,000 cups of beer
- * 42,250 servings of nachos
- * 185,500 cups of soda
- * 65,500 sausages (12,000 alone in Milwaukee's Miller Park)
- * 24,000 pounds of peanuts
- * 20,000 slices of pizza
- * 10,000 bags of popcorn
- * 7,000 hamburgers
- * 13,000 orders of french fries

Eddie Eyes Greatness

BY TAYLOR MASON
Contributing Writer

U.S. Men's Soccer Forward Eddie Johnson has been dubbed "the next great American striker." With six goals in his first four appearances for the U.S. and now eight goals in eight matches, the forward has achieved something no other U.S. player has ever done. Eddie Johnson is the newest face in pro sports.

Born March 31, 1984, Johnson grew up playing both basketball and football while living with his mother and siblings in the urban Palm Beach, Fla. At the age of 9, Johnson was approached by a youth coach to play soccer, and in high school, with financial help from his coach Bob Sawyer, he began to travel and compete nationally.

After being discovered at a national tournament at the age of 16, Eddie was the 19th overall pick in the 2001 Major League Soccer (MLS) draft. Drafted by the Dallas Burn, Johnson then signed an endorsement deal with Nike.

Although he was the star of his youth teams, he had issues as a professional player with only two goals and five starts in his first three seasons. However, being a teenager allowed him to become acclimated at a young age, developing himself into one of the most coveted forwards in MLS.

Freshman psychology major Kaosy Umeh remembers when Johnson got started. "I have been watching soccer for years and at first I wasn't too impressed but now, as I watch him mature as a player and person, I am positive he will retire as one of the greatest to play the game."

Johnson became the first soccer player in U.S. men's national team history to score in every match during FIFA World Cup qualifying. Though qualification is not over, this tied him for third in all-time World Cup qualifying scoring for the USA. Johnson also won the Golden Shoe at the 2003 FIFA World Cup Youth Championship.

His accomplishments are quickly gaining him recognition on the international soccer scene although many students on campus have not heard about him.

Brittany Proctor, a freshman radio major, said, "Soccer doesn't have a large Black fan base because of the lack of Black people playing. I'm sure the more coverage Eddie Johnson gets, the more fans he will have, which will hopefully in turn cause for more Blacks to watch soccer."

LaTonya McPhoy, a freshman biology major, echoes the thought. "Eddie Johnson is a spectacular soccer player. I am happy to see a Black man making major movements in a sport that we have yet to dominate. He may be the Tiger Woods of soccer," she said.

With four full seasons under his belt, Eddie Johnson has only just begun wowing soccer fans all over the world. According to USA Today, U.S. men's soccer coach Bruce Arena feels that with more work and experience Johnson will be a force to be reckoned with. "I think he is a player with a lot of potential and, if we utilize him correctly, he's going to be dangerous. To his credit, we always talk about the guy getting chances, and he's capitalized on the opportunity, and at this point it separates him from a lot of players."



By Mark Humphrey - The Associated Press

Eddie Johnson (right) is congratulated by Steve Cherundolo after Johnson scored against Guatemala in the first half of the final round of World Cup qualifier.